

# Annual Evaluation Summary For the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Program January 2008

Authorized by Wisconsin Act 25, the **Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Program** is a collaborative effort among the WI Office of Justice Assistance, the WI Department of Health and Family Services, and the WI Department of Corrections. The seven TAD sites provide non-violent offenders with a multi-disciplinary assessment, substance abuse treatment (or referral), supportive and educational services, case management, offender monitoring, and drug testing. The program models include adult drug courts, diversion/deferred prosecution, and a combination of the two.

Overview of 2007 TAD Program Implementation By County							
	Burnett	Washburn	Dane	Milwaukee	Rock	Washington	Wood
Capacity	8-10	8-10	20-25	800	110	40	40-50
# Admissions	14	8	16	385	61	64	29
Active	86%	100%	56%	55%	61%	42%	72%
Completed	14%	0%	0%	22%	0%	38%	21%
Terminated	0%	0%	44%	23%	29%	20%	7%
Pending	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%	0%	0%

A total of 577 offenders were admitted to TAD programs in 2007 and **47% of TAD discharges successfully completed** the programs, averaging 184 days of program service. Eight percent of TAD discharges spent time in jail while in the program and 3% were charged with new offenses while in TAD. According to site estimates, an average of 104 incarceration days were avoided per discharge through participation with an **estimated total of 15,960 incarceration days saved during 2007**.

**Offenders who complete TAD are significantly more likely to have their cases dismissed than those who do not complete TAD.** Eighty-nine percent of the completers had their cases dismissed, and an additional 3% of discharges had their charges reduced. Only 1% of the completers were charged, compared to 73% of the terminations.

In addition to impacting individual participants, the TAD programs also impacted local criminal justice, court, and service systems. TAD funds have been used to enhance substance abuse screening, assessment, and treatment services, and TAD has encouraged collaboration among the courts, law enforcement, Department of Corrections, treatment providers, and community service providers.

Figure 1: Case Outcome By Reason For Discharge

